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***Amendment***

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6700

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF FAMILY  
SUPPORT MAGISTRATES."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 45a-707 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

5 As used in sections 45a-187, 45a-706 to 45a-709, inclusive, 45a-715 to  
6 45a-718, inclusive, and 45a-724 to 45a-737, inclusive:

7 (1) "Adoption" means the establishment by court order of the legal  
8 relationship of parent and child;

9 (2) "Child care facility" means a congregate residential setting for the  
10 out-of-home placement of children or youths under eighteen years of  
11 age, licensed by the Department of Children and Families;

12 (3) "Child-placing agency" means any agency within or without the  
13 state of Connecticut licensed or approved by the Commissioner of

14 Children and Families in accordance with sections 17a-149 and  
15 17a-151, and in accordance with standards established by regulations  
16 of the Commissioner of Children and Families;

17 (4) "Guardianship" means guardianship, unless otherwise specified,  
18 of the person of a minor and refers to the obligation of care and  
19 control, the right to custody and the duty and authority to make major  
20 decisions affecting the minor's welfare, including, but not limited to,  
21 consent determinations regarding marriage, enlistment in the armed  
22 forces and major medical, psychiatric or surgical treatment;

23 (5) "Parent" means a biological or adoptive parent;

24 (6) "Relative" means any person descended from a common  
25 ancestor, whether by blood or adoption, not more than three  
26 generations removed from the child;

27 (7) "Statutory parent" means the Commissioner of Children and  
28 Families or the child-placing agency appointed by the court for the  
29 purpose of the adoption of a minor child or minor children;

30 (8) "Termination of parental rights" means the complete severance  
31 by court order of the legal relationship, with all its rights and  
32 responsibilities, between the child and the child's parent or parents so  
33 that the child is free for adoption except it shall not affect [the] any of  
34 the following: (A) The right of inheritance of the child, [or] (B) the  
35 religious affiliation of the child, or (C) the child support obligation of  
36 the parent or parents whose rights are terminated until the child is  
37 adopted, provided (i) the petitioner for termination of parental rights  
38 seeks termination due to abuse or neglect of the child by such parent  
39 or parents and requests that such child support obligation continue,  
40 and (ii) the court determines that continuation of such child support  
41 obligation is in the child's best interests."